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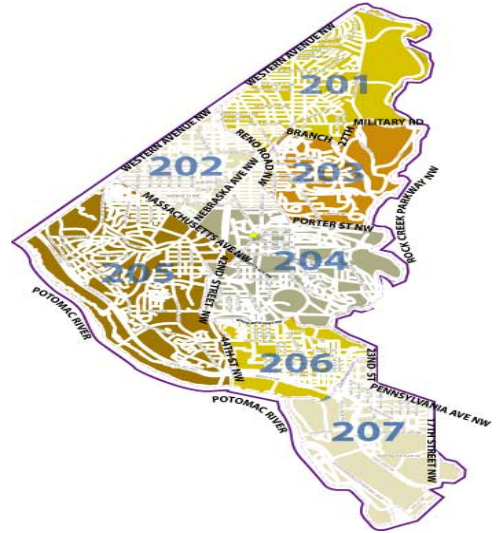
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## SUMMARY OF RECENT COURT CASES

- **Varvie Daughtry**, 18, pled guilty on September 19, 2005, to conspiracy to commit armed robbery, three counts of robbery, and one count of obstruction of justice. One of **Daughtry's** co-conspirators, **Lino Perez**, 19, also pled guilty on September 19, 2005, to conspiracy, attempted robbery, and unauthorized use of a vehicle. **Daughtry** faces a maximum of 15 years incarceration on each robbery count, 30 years for obstruction of justice, and five years for the conspiracy. **Perez** faces five years of incarceration for the conspiracy, three years for the attempted robbery, and five years for his unauthorized use of a vehicle. **Daughtry** will be sentenced on November 15, 2005; **Perez** will be sentenced on November 7, 2005.
- **Julius Robinson**, 17, pled guilty on September 12, 2005, to one count of armed robbery and two counts of robbery, in connection with a series of armed robberies that occurred in a 30-minute period around midnight on May 5 and 6, 2005, involving incidents at 28<sup>th</sup> Street and Cathedral Avenue, NW, and 19<sup>th</sup> and Biltmore Streets, NW. In addition, on September 13, 2005, **Brandon Brooks**, 19, was sentenced to 60 months in prison in connection with the same incidents after earlier pleading guilty to one count of armed robbery and one count of robbery. **Julius Robinson** is scheduled to be sentenced on November 29, 2005.
- **Jamal F. Haskins**, was sentenced to 18 months confinement (entirely suspended) and three years probation on September 7, 2005, following a guilty plea on November 15, 2004, to Attempted Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine.

*A detailed description of these and other cases from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District is provided inside of this report.*

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT COMMUNITY PROSECUTION UPDATE



This fall the Community Prosecutors in each district are once again reaching out to residents, businesses, and agencies to highlight Community Prosecution efforts to help make our neighborhood safe. The Community Prosecution Office for the Second District is hosting a Community Meeting on October 26, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. located at the 2D police station, 3320 Idaho Avenue, N.W. The meeting will delineate things the Community Prosecution Division is doing to address burglaries, robberies, and auto thefts. The purpose of the meeting is also to solicit ideas from residents on things you want us to do in the future. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

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## **THE COURT REPORT**

**Varvie Daughtry, 18, of the 300 block of Madison Street, NW, Washington, D.C., pled guilty on September 19, 2005, in D.C. Superior Court to conspiracy to commit armed robbery, three counts of robbery, and one count of obstruction of justice. One of Daughtry's co-conspirators, Lino Perez, 19, of the 5800 block of 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, D.C., also pled guilty on September 19, 2005, to conspiracy, attempted robbery, and unauthorized use of a vehicle. Daughtry faces a maximum of 15 years incarceration on each robbery count, 30 years for obstruction of justice, and five years for the conspiracy. Perez faces five years of incarceration for the conspiracy, three years for the attempted robbery, and five years for his unauthorized use of a vehicle. Daughtry will be sentenced before the Honorable Susan R. Winfield on November 15, 2005; Perez will be sentenced on November 7, 2005. (Case No. F-3167-04; PSA 201)**

The pleas reached today conclude a lengthy investigation that previously resulted in guilty pleas from two of Daughtry and Perez's other conspirators. On October 25, 2004, Romal Jennings, 20, of the 6200 block Piney Branch Road, NW, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and attempted robbery. On June 24, 2005, Quinton Lawrence, 21, of the unit block of Hamilton Street, NW, pleaded guilty to two counts of robbery and one count of conspiracy.

The evidence gathered in the investigation demonstrated that these four defendants, along with two juveniles, embarked on a spree of robberies, or what they called "capers," in Northwest Washington, D.C. during one violent week in April 2004. The conspiracy began on April 3, 2004, when Daughtry, Lawrence, and a juvenile got in a stolen vehicle and agreed to go to Northwest, Washington, D.C. to rob people with a paintball gun shaped like an automatic weapon. The conspirators approached two teenage boys in the 3500 block of McKinley Street, NW, at approximately 9:00 p.m. They ordered the boys to hand over their belongings while pointing the paintball gun at them, and punched one of the boys in the mouth. The conspirators robbed the boys of a wallet containing currency and a videotape.

On the following night, Daughtry, Lawrence and a juvenile again agreed to go to Northwest D.C. to rob people with the paintball gun. They approached a female walking alone near the intersection of Chevy Chase Parkway and Oliver Street, NW, at approximately 10:00 p.m. Two of the conspirators punched and kicked the woman while the third held her from behind; and they then stole the woman's purse and cellular telephone.

Four days later, Daughtry stole a white minivan parked in the vicinity of the 4800 block of Fort Totten Drive, NE, by using a screwdriver to enter and then start the vehicle. Daughtry, Lawrence, Jennings, and a juvenile drove to Northwest, Washington, D.C. again to rob people. They first encountered a male senior citizen walking in the 3400 block of Northhampton Street, NW, carrying grocery bags from the Safeway on Connecticut Avenue. The conspirators ordered the man to "give it up" while pointing the paintball gun at him. They hit the man on the head with the paintball gun, causing him to fall, and then stole the man's wallet.

Minutes later, the conspirators happened upon another victim walking near Broad Branch Road, NW. They ordered the man to "give it up" after which he began to run. They chased,

punched, kicked, and hit the man in the head with the paintball gun, and left him unconscious in the street. They searched the man, but found nothing of value. The conspirators then proceeded to Takoma Park, Maryland, where they committed a series of similar robberies that night.

The following night, April 9, 2004, Daughtry, Jennings, Perez, and a different juvenile drove to Northwest Washington, D.C. to rob people. The conspirators started following a vehicle being driven by a woman, who stopped in front of her house, in the 5700 block of Chevy Chase Parkway, NW. Daughtry, Perez, and Jennings got out of the van wearing masks and carrying the paintball gun. Their intended victim drove away before she was robbed.

The conspirators got back into the stolen van and were being chased by the police when they crashed into a vehicle parked in the 4600 block of 29<sup>th</sup> Place, NW. On that night, Perez, Jennings, and the juvenile were arrested; Daughtry escaped by hiding under a porch and then riding home on a stolen bicycle. On April 10, 2005, Daughtry, aware that the police were looking for him in connection with the previous night's attempted robbery, asked a friend to provide him a false alibi for his whereabouts the night before.

**Julius Robinson, 17, of Hyattsville, Maryland, pled guilty on September 12, 2005, in D.C. Superior Court to one count of armed robbery and two counts of robbery, in connection with a series of armed robberies that occurred in a 30-minute period around midnight on May 5 and 6, 2005, involving incidents at 28<sup>th</sup> Street and Cathedral Avenue, NW, and 19<sup>th</sup> and Biltmore Streets, NW. In addition, on September 13, 2005, Brandon Brooks, 19, also of Hyattsville, MD, was sentenced by the Honorable Judge Hiram E. Puig-Lugo of the D.C. Superior Court to 60 months in prison in connection with the same incidents after earlier pleading guilty to one count of armed robbery and one count of robbery. Julius Robinson is scheduled to be sentenced on November 29, 2005. (Case No. F2561-05 & F2570-05; PSA 204)**

According to the proceedings in court, on the night of May 5, 2005, the defendants drove from their Hyattsville neighborhood into Northwest D.C., planning to commit at least one robbery. Robinson was armed with a loaded .22 caliber revolver, while Brooks was armed with a knife. At approximately 11:45 p.m., they spotted their first victim near the intersection of 28<sup>th</sup> Street and Cathedral Avenue, NW. The defendants exited their car and approached the victim on foot, with Robinson pointing the revolver directly at him. After robbing the victim of his wallet, the defendants returned to their vehicle and drove into Adams Morgan, near the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> and Biltmore Streets, NW.

Shortly after midnight, they exited their vehicle and approached two more victims, a man and a woman walking together. With Robinson again brandishing the revolver, the defendants robbed the man of approximately \$23 in cash. Approximately 15 minutes later, the defendants spotted their fourth and final victim near the same intersection, and Robinson once again pointed the revolver at the victim and in this instance, Brooks pointed a knife at the victim. This victim surrendered his wallet and his cell phone.

All four victims promptly called 911 after their respective robberies and MPD officers from the Second and Third Districts responded to the two locations. At around 1:15 a.m. on May

6, 2005, MPD officers found the defendants hiding in an alley near the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> and Biltmore Streets. Bank cards and identification belonging to the defendants' final victim was found strewn on the ground nearby, along with the revolver used in the robberies.

**Xavier Brooks, 35, who was a special police officer, and his uncle, Antwane Brooks, 34, have entered guilty pleas in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia in connection with several armed robberies they committed on July 9, 2005. On Monday, September 19, 2005, Xavier Brooks pled guilty to armed robbery with an operable pistol and robbery. One week earlier, on September 12, 2005, Antwane Brooks pled guilty to the same charges. Under the terms of the plea agreement, both defendants, who reside in Capitol Heights, Maryland, face a maximum of 43 years of incarceration when sentenced before the Honorable Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. in November. (Case Nos. F-3844-05 & F-3843-05; PSA 206)**

According to the government's evidence, in the early morning hours of July 9, 2005, Xavier Brooks drove Antwane Brooks to Southwest Washington near the Mall to commit an armed robbery. At approximately 3:20 a.m., after being dropped off by Xavier Brooks, Antwane Brooks pointed a loaded gun at a woman walking on M Street, and robbed her of her purse, wallet, credit cards, a cell phone and cash.

Xavier Brooks subsequently drove Antwane Brooks to Georgetown, where the defendants planned to commit more robberies. At approximately 4:10 a.m., both defendants left their vehicle and approached a man and woman walking together in the 2800 block of Dumbarton Street, NW. Xavier Brooks approached the man, and robbed him of his wallet at gunpoint. Antwane Brooks then robbed the woman of her purse, also at gunpoint. The defendants then left the area in their vehicle.

Police responded to the scene of the Georgetown robberies and broadcast the defendants' descriptions as provided by the victims to these robberies. Metropolitan Police Department Officer Michael Handy subsequently saw two men matching the defendants' descriptions in a vehicle on M Street, NW. Officer Handy pulled up next to the vehicle, and after noticing that both men were sweating and breathing heavily, made a traffic stop of their car. Xavier Brooks provided his Special Police Officer's identification card along with his driver's license and registration. Officer Handy asked Xavier Brooks if he was armed, and Xavier Brooks admitted that he was, at which point Officer Handy saw a black .38 caliber revolver in a bag between the legs of Antwane Brooks, who was seated in the front passenger seat.

Police recovered an additional black .38 caliber revolver from the vehicle, along with the purse of the woman robbed earlier that morning on the Mall, and the purse and wallet of the couple robbed shortly thereafter in Georgetown. The man and woman robbed in Georgetown were brought to the location where the defendants were stopped, and both victims identified the defendants as the individuals who had just robbed them at gunpoint.

**Alastair Godbold, 42, of Alexandria, Virginia, pled guilty on September 16, 2005, in D.C. Superior Court, to the charge of robbery. The defendant faces up to 13 years of**

**incarceration at sentencing, which is scheduled for November 18, 2005, before the Honorable Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. (Case No. F-3640-05; PSA 207)**

According to the government's factual proffer, the robbery occurred on March 31, 2005, at approximately 9:55 p.m., in the Allen Lee Hotel located at 2224 F Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The complainant was working as the front desk clerk when he was approached by an unknown female inquiring about vacancies at the hotel. The complainant was responding to her inquiries when the defendant approached and called the complainant by name. The defendant displayed a knife and demanded money, telling the complainant to give him all the money. The complainant saw that the knife appeared to be a fixed blade, which along with the handle was approximately eight or nine inches long. The complainant handed over an amount of approximately \$183.50 from the hotel's cash drawer to the defendant. The defendant then demanded the complainant's wallet. The complainant then handed over about \$18 of his own personal money, from his pocket, to the defendant. The defendant then left the hotel.

The complainant recognized the defendant; having met him in the mid-1990's, when the defendant came to the hotel and at times resided there. The complainant also knew the defendant to be a friend of the hotel manager. Minutes after the robbery, the complainant called the police, reporting the robbery and stating he knew who the robber was. He indicated that Alastair Godbold was the robber.



## **DEFENDANTS WHO WERE CONVICTED IN FIREARMS CASES**

*Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative, 31 persons were convicted of firearms offenses in September 2005. PSN is a partnership between local and federal agencies to reduce gun violence in the District of Columbia. No offenses occurred in this district.*

## **DEFENDANTS WHO WERE CONVICTED OR PLED GUILTY AND WERE SENTENCED IN A NUMBER OF DRUG CASES**

**Jamal F. Haskins**, of the 300 block of U Street, N.E., was sentenced to 18 months confinement (entirely suspended) and three years probation by Judge Erik P. Christian on September 7, 2005, following a guilty plea on November 15, 2004, to Attempted Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine. **Haskins** was arrested on September 20, 2004, in the 3900 block of Chesapeake Street, N.W. (PSA 202)

## **DISTRICT COURT CASES**

**Aissatou Pita Barry**, 38, of Silver Spring, Maryland, pled guilty on September 12, 2005, in United States District Court to Operating an Unlicensed Money Transmitting Business, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1960. This case represents the first conviction in the District of Columbia under this federal statute. Barry is subject to up to five years of imprisonment, a

**\$250,000 fine, or both, when she is sentenced by the Honorable Ricardo M. Urbina. The Court has not yet set a sentencing date.**

During yesterday's plea proceedings, the defendant admitted that she incorporated Guinex International, Inc., in the District of Columbia, on August 16, 1999, with the stated purpose of transmitting money from the United States for delivery to various parts of the world. Since its inception, Guinex has conducted transactions on behalf of approximately 5000 customers. Between October 26, 2001, and November 15, 2004, Guinex conducted over 65,000 transactions for its customers. During this time period, Guinex received deposits from its customers in the form of cash, personal and traveler's checks, money orders and wire transfers, totaling over \$17,000,000. Guinex, in turn, transferred over \$15,500,000 via wires to various international locations, including Guinea, Gambia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Hong Kong, Singapore, China, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, India, England and France, for further distribution to individuals who had been designated by Guinex's customers in the United States. Guinex generally charged a fee for its services of 10% of the total amount of money transferred. The defendant and other Guinex employees accepted cash and other deposits from customers at Guinex's office. Barry and other Guinex employees also provided customers with the numbers of various bank accounts controlled by the defendant and Guinex instructed customers that they could make deposits directly into those accounts. The defendant and other Guinex employees did not ask customers to provide any information about the source of the monies they were transmitting.

**Gregory Murray, 39, of the 1200 block of Otis Place, NW, Washington, D.C., was sentenced on September 13, 2005, by United States District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly for his part in a bribery scheme involving the selling of D.C. driver's licenses in fraudulent names from the Department of Motor Vehicle's (DMV) Georgetown Branch. That office is located at 3222 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C.**

Murray was sentenced to ten months in prison. Two co-defendants, Lisa Johnson 42, of the 1700 block of Lyman Place, NE, Washington, D.C., and Craig Hughes, 43, of the 1700 block of F Street, NE, Washington, D.C., were sentenced in July for their roles in this same scheme. Johnson was sentenced to 12 months of incarceration, and Hughes was sentenced to 5 months of incarceration and 5 months of home detention. All three defendants pled guilty last Fall; Johnson pled guilty to one count of receiving bribes as a public official, and Murray and Hughes both pled guilty to one count of aiding and abetting in the bribery of Johnson.

According to the government's proffer of evidence at the time of the plea, with which the defendant agreed, as well as the affidavits in support of the arrest warrants, which were previously unsealed, this matter involved a joint investigation by the investigative arms of the FBI, Inspector General's Office for the District of Columbia, Office of the Chief Financial Officer for the District of Columbia, the Metropolitan Police Department and the United States Attorney's Office. These agencies were investigating the activities of Johnson, a former D.C. Office of Finance and Treasury employee who was assigned to work at the DMV Georgetown Satellite Branch Office as a teller. As part of that investigation, information was developed that an individual was acting as a middleman in deals to illegally sell D.C. driver's licenses in fraudulent names.

The investigators contacted this individual, Hughes, who agreed to obtain for the investigator, acting in an undercover capacity, two licenses for \$3,200 or one for \$1,800. Hughes told the investigator that he would need the name of an actual person, with a matching Social Security Number, to get the licenses. Thereafter, on two separate occasions, undercover agents met with Hughes and gave him money for the transactions. Hughes then met with Murray, who was the primary contact with DMV employee Johnson, to give him some of the money. Murray escorted the undercover agents into the Georgetown Branch of DMV to meet with Johnson. On the second occasion, before taking the undercover agent to see Johnson, Murray met with Johnson outside DMV and was seen passing her money at that time. Once inside the DMV Office, Johnson processed the licenses for the undercover agents. Although Johnson did not ask for any verification of the identity of the undercover agents, she did put false information on their applications showing that they had turned in out-of-state licenses, had passed the eye test, and were residents of the District of Columbia. After having paid the standard processing fee for a license, the undercover agents left with the licenses with the fraudulent names on them.

On August 26, 2004, an undercover agent conducted another buy of a driver's license in a fraudulent name, which transaction proceeded in similar fashion to the past occasions. After the undercover agent received the license, all three individuals were arrested.

**Nora Davtyan, 47, pled guilty on September 13, 2005, to engaging in a conspiracy to pay bribes to a United States Consular Officer assigned to the United States Embassy in Yerevan, Armenia, in order to obtain fraudulent-issued non-immigrant visas for herself and other associates during 2004-2005. At the same time, her sister Gayane Davtyan, 46, pled guilty to aiding and abetting a substantive visa fraud offense. The Honorable Ellen S. Huvelle will sentence the two women on December 9, 2005.**

The two women, Armenian nationals, were indicted by a federal grand jury in the District of Columbia on July 20, 2005, and were arrested in California the following week. In pleading guilty, Nora Davtyan admitted that in April 2004, while in Yerevan, she paid a \$4,000 bribe to United States Consular Associate Piotr Zdzislaw Parlej, 46, – through her friend and Parlej's Armenian national girlfriend Natalya Balayan – for a non-immigrant visa, and she thereafter came to the United States. Once here, she lived for a time with her sister, Gayane Davtyan, a lawful permanent resident of the United States who had resided in the Los Angeles, California, area since the early 1990s, and remained in the United States unlawfully after the visa expired.

Nora Davtyan also admitted that she then served as a recruiter and broker for other people willing to pay bribes to obtain non-immigrant visas issued by Parlej; both she and Gayane Davtyan admitted that in one such transaction she was assisted by Gayane Davtyan. Balayan, who continued to serve as Nora Davtyan's go-between with Parlej, was also charged in the indictment, but she remains in Armenia, a country with which the United States has no extradition treaty.

Parlej was indicted and arrested in the District of Columbia on February 2, 2005, and his State Department employment was terminated shortly thereafter. He was ordered detained pending trial, and ultimately pled guilty and agreed to cooperate with the government. On July 28, 2005, he was sentenced by Judge Huvelle to serve 31 months in prison, three years of supervised release, and to pay \$45,000 in restitution.

**Tom Edwards, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, pled guilty September 14, 2005, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin to one count of transportation of minors for illicit sexual conduct. Earlier, on November 22, 2004, his cohort, Eric Marshall, 27, also of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, pled guilty in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia to two counts of Enticing a Child from Home for the Purposes of Prostitution.**

Edwards's plea is part of a joint prosecution effort by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia and the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin dating back to April 7, 2004, when three Milwaukee juveniles were found on the Washington, D.C. prostitution "track" near the 1100 block of Fourth Street, NW, after two of the juveniles agreed with undercover police officers to perform sexual acts for money. Further investigation revealed that Marshall and Edwards transported a 14-year-old girl, a 15-year-old boy, and a 16-year-old girl from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Washington, D.C. in order for the minors to engage in prostitution and earn money for Marshall and Edwards.

Marshall was arrested on April 7, 2004, in Washington, D.C. and eventually entered into a plea/cooperation agreement with the two United States Attorney's Offices. With Marshall's help, Edwards was arrested and apprehended in Milwaukee on June 2, 2005; he was later indicted by a federal court grand jury in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

When Marshall is sentenced on October 21, 2005, by the Honorable Patricia A. Broderick in the District of Columbia Superior Court, he faces a maximum statutory penalty of 20 years of imprisonment for each of the two counts to which he pled guilty. When Edwards is sentenced on November 22, 2005, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, he faces a maximum statutory penalty of 30 years of imprisonment.

**United States District Judge Ellen S. Huvelle sentenced Patrick D. Marshall, 37, of Suitland, Maryland, to 18 months of incarceration and three years of supervised release for his role in an \$800,000 credit card scheme. Marshall pleaded guilty on May 28, 2004, to conspiracy, and agreed to administrative forfeiture of seized items and cash and to a money judgment. Today, Judge Huvelle also ordered Marshall to pay restitution of \$796,391 (giving credit for the cash seized and forfeited).**



According to the government's sentencing memorandum and information presented at the sentencing hearing, Patrick D. Marshall, was one of three defendants involved in a hugely profitable credit card fraud scheme, which victimized 33 people between from 2003 to 2004. Marshall was employed at a pension fund as a benefit analyst, and through his job, had access to the pension funds' members' personal identifying information, such as name, date of birth, Social Security Number, address, and marital status, as well as similar information about the members' dependents. Marshall stole the personal information from about 33 pension fund members and/or their dependents. He gave this stolen information to a co-conspirator (who also pleaded guilty and received a ten-year sentence term for his role in this crime). This other person used the pension fund members' personal information and fictitious company names to apply for business accounts at Chase Manhattan Bank and Bank of America.

Once the business bank accounts were opened, the co-conspirators asked the banks to issue corporate or business credit cards. As a result of this complex charade, the banks were tricked into issuing 54 business or corporate credit cards using pension fund members' personal information. The co-conspirators then used these fraudulently obtained credit cards to gain cash, goods and services worth in excess of \$800,000. For example, Marshall and others used the credit cards to get cash, to buy high-end merchandise, to travel and entertain, and to obtain services for themselves. In just 18 months' time, co-conspirators masquerading as pension fund members, purchased: \$72,000 in clothes; another \$16,000 in furs; \$73,000 in home furnishings; \$63,000 from electronics stores; another \$38,000 from computer stores and \$28,000 in restaurants. Co-conspirators spent \$84,000 for hotels and transportation to such places as: Florida; Puerto Rico; New York; St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; Houston and Dallas; New Orleans; Dominican Republic; and Atlantic City.

**Roger Sullivan, 47, of the 11000 block of Dewey Road, in Kensington, Maryland, was sentenced on September 16, 2005, to 30 months of incarceration, following his guilty plea, in November of 2004, to possessing child pornography on his office computer, at the Washington News Bureau of a national broadcast and cable network. Sullivan was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Paul L. Friedman, upon his conviction for the possession of more than ten images of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A. Judge Friedman sentenced the defendant to 30 months of incarceration, a fine of \$60,000, and two years of supervision after his release from prison.**

The defendant did not address the court at today's sentencing hearing, but at the plea hearing in November, Sullivan admitted that in March 2002, his employer turned over a computer to the FBI, after the discovery that he had downloaded thousands of images from the Internet, using his employer's Internet provider and server. Analysts from the National Center for Exploited Children, the U.S. Navy Center for Child Protection, and the FBI Laboratory, determined that the images were of actual underage and prepubescent children, many downloaded from Eastern European and Russian websites.

**Vladimir Arutinian, 27, of Tbilisi, Georgia, was indicted on two counts with attempting to assassinate President George W. Bush and with a related weapons offense. If convicted of the charges, the defendant faces up to life imprisonment.**

The indictment is based upon an incident that occurred on May 10, 2005, when President Bush gave a speech to the Georgian people in Freedom Square in Tbilisi, Georgia. Shortly after the President began speaking, Arutinian allegedly threw a hand grenade into the crowd within 65 feet of the stage where the President was standing. The live hand grenade, which was wrapped in a plaid cloth, failed to detonate.

On July 20, 2005, members of the Georgia Ministry of Internal Affairs (MOIA), acting on information received from a tip line that the MOIA had established, went to Arutinian's apartment building in Tbilisi. They encountered him in a stairwell. Arutinian allegedly began firing at the MOIA officers with an assault rifle, killing Zurab Kvividze, one of the officers. Arutinian was apprehended a short time later in a nearby wooded area.

In addition to today's U.S. charges, Arutinian has been indicted for the murder of the MOIA officer and terrorism related charges in Georgia, where he is custody and where he will be prosecuted on the Georgian charges.

**James Odell Baxter II, 51, of Fort Washington, Maryland, and Gwendolyn Hemphill, 64, of the District of Columbia, were convicted on August 31, 2005, of 23 counts of conspiracy, mail and wire fraud, embezzlement, false statements, money laundering, and other charges in connection with their roles in defrauding the Washington Teachers' Union ("WTU") of nearly \$5 million between 1995 and 2002. Baxter is the former WTU treasurer; Hemphill was formerly the assistant to the WTU president and legislative representative. A third trial defendant, James Goosby, who provided accounting services for WTU during late 2001 and part of 2002, was acquitted of conspiracy, fraud, and false statements charges. Sentencing before the Honorable Richard J. Leon is scheduled for December 8, 2005.**

The Washington Teachers' Union is the collective bargaining unit for teachers employed by and retired from the District of Columbia Public Schools. The government's case at trial demonstrated that Baxter and Hemphill, along with Barbara Bullock, the former president, stole millions of dollars from WTU starting in 1995, and continuing through about September 2002. Bullock pled guilty to mail fraud and conspiracy charges and is serving a nine-year federal prison sentence.

The trial also included proof that, because the continued and pervasive embezzlement had left WTU woefully short of cash by the Spring of 2002, Baxter, Hemphill, and Bullock stole at least \$720,000 from individual D.C. teachers by directing the city in writing to withhold \$144 more than the lawful dues deduction from teachers' paychecks during one pay period in June 2002. They spent the proceeds of this theft to pay delinquent membership dues to the American Federation of Teachers (WTU's parent union) — amounts that had already been collected from teachers but spent in the course of the scheme to defraud — and then to provide themselves and others with substantial payments, some styled as "bonuses." They sought to cover up this theft by, among other things, 1) altering documents created on Baxter's computer to make it appear that he had not, in fact, written the draft of the letter containing the improper dues deduction directive; 2) structuring payments to Baxter so that he would not receive any single check exceeding \$10,000 (including payment of two checks dated the same date for \$9,958.09, which Baxter negotiated at two separate banks; and 3) altering the memo lines on WTU checks written

by Baxter and Hemphill to Hemphill, so as to make it appear that the amounts paid were reimbursing her for using personal funds to pay union bills.

The scheme was carried out first through the use of credit cards for lavish personal purchases and through the co-conspirators writing checks to themselves for false and fictitious services or reasons. The conspiracy evolved as Baxter, Hemphill, and Bullock sought to cover up their fraud by: (1) creating a sham company called Expressions Unlimited, which was run by Michael Martin (Hemphill's son-in-law), Cheryl Martin (Hemphill's daughter and Michael Martin's wife), and Errol Alderman (Michael Martin's friend), and which existed solely for the purpose of receiving union funds and paying them out to the conspirators, in part to make it appear that checks from Bullock and Hemphill to pay WTU's American Express bills were from their personal funds; and (2) writing over \$1.4 million in checks to Leroy Holmes, Bullock's chauffeur, who pleaded guilty in February 2003 to conspiracy to launder funds. Holmes would cash union checks and return most of the proceeds to Hemphill or deposit them into Bullock's bank account. Likewise, the Martins and Alderman pled guilty to conspiracy to launder money.

The fraud was concealed for years because of WTU's failure to complete and submit audits to AFT and because, in some cases, certain other persons performing accounting-related services for WTU improperly accounted for the use of WTU funds and, thereby, made it appear that WTU funds were being spent appropriately. This improper accounting which was performed by Robin Klein (who pled guilty just prior to trial to two counts of making false statements to the Department of Labor) and, later, by Goosby (who was acquitted at trial), included taking, in some cases, a year's worth of union American Express charges for personal expenditures and dividing them among legitimate-sounding accounts, such as "Employee Benefits," "Pension," "Membership Services," and "Travel and Entertainment." The false accounting information was then reported and, to some extent, further falsified by Baxter and Hemphill, on WTU financial reports, including annual tax returns submitted to the IRS and financial statements filed with the Department of Labor.

**An Iraqi-born Dutch citizen has been indicted by a grand jury in Washington, D.C. for allegedly participating in a conspiracy to attack Americans based in Iraq, Assistant Attorney Alice S. Fisher of the Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein of the District of Columbia announced today. These are the first U.S. criminal charges connected to terrorist activities in Iraq.**

The indictment charges Wesam Al Delaema, a/k/a Wesam Khalaf Chayed Delaeme, with six counts: conspiracy to kill U.S. citizens abroad; conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction (explosives); conspiracy to maliciously damage or destroy U.S. government property by means of an explosive; possession of a destructive device (explosives) during a crime of violence; conspiracy to possess a destructive device (explosives) during a crime of violence; and teaching or demonstrating the making or use of an explosive with the intent to further a crime of violence. A criminal complaint had previously been filed against Delaema on July 27, 2005, charging four of these offenses.

Delaema, 32, was born in Fallujah, Iraq. He was arrested by Dutch law enforcement authorities on May 2, 2005, and was facing similar charges in that country. Since his arrest,

Dutch law enforcement and prosecution authorities have worked cooperatively with the FBI in its investigation of Delaema's alleged terrorist activities. Following the filing of the U.S. criminal complaint against Delaema in July, the United States informed the Dutch authorities of its intention to request Delaema's extradition to face the charges filed here. Shortly thereafter, Dutch authorities announced that Delaema had been transferred into extradition custody in response to the request from the United States. The indictment returned today will now serve as the charges for which the United States will seek Delaema's extradition from the Netherlands.

The indictment alleges that Delaema traveled from the Netherlands to Iraq in October 2003, with a group of co-conspirators calling themselves the "Mujahideen from Fallujah," who declared their intentions to kill Americans in Iraq using explosives. The indictment further alleges that Delaema and his co-conspirators hid explosives in a road in the area of Fallujah, Iraq.

**Dewitt Davis, 67, of the 2900 block of Van Ness Street, NW, Washington, D.C., was sentenced today in U.S. District Court by the Honorable John Bates to six months of home confinement and three years of probation for stealing \$45,000 in grant money from the University of the District of Columbia ("UDC"). Davis pled guilty in June 2005, to the charge of interstate transportation of stolen property.**

According to the government's evidence and a statement signed by the defendant, Davis had worked as a professor of geography at UDC since 1984. Between 1997 and 2002, UDC had been approved to receive grant funds in the amount of \$45,000 from the United States Geological Survey ("USGS"). The grant funds were designated to be used to research a water resource project.

In an effort to steal the grant funds, in March 1997, Davis sent a direct deposit form to the USGS, directing the money to go into his personal account rather than the University account. Accordingly, between October 1997 and March 2002, a total of approximately \$45,000 was deposited into Dewitt's personal account on six separate occasions.

**Teddarrian Crews, 37, of the 3800 block of Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia, was sentenced on September 22, 2005, in United States District Court before the Honorable Ellen S. Huvelle pursuant to his plea of guilty on June 22, 2005, to wire fraud. Judge Huvelle sentenced the defendant to one year and one day incarceration to be followed by two years of supervised release. In addition, Judge Huvelle ordered the defendant to perform 100 hours of community service and to make restitution to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in the amount of \$92,233.45.**

According to the statement of the offense agreed to by Crews and the government, between May 2004 and February 2005, Crews was employed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") as an Audiovisual Specialist. In his employment capacity, Crews had access to electronic and computer equipment purchased by the EEOC in support of its operations.

Between May 2004 and February 2005, within the District of Columbia, Crews stole in excess of (70) items of computer and electronic equipment valued at \$92,233.45 from the EEOC

headquarters building located at 1801 L Street, NW, in the District of Columbia. In his role as an audiovisual specialist, Crews was able to remove the computer and electronic items from the building without informing any of his supervisors or coworkers. Crews placed these items for sale on e-Bay, an Internet auction service, fraudulently representing that he was the owner of these items.

Using his EEOC-issued desktop computer in the District of Columbia, Crews sold nearly all of the items he stole to purchasers on e-Bay. In order to effectuate these sales, Crews communicated with the purchasers through e-mail on the Internet. Further, Crews obtained payment for the stolen items via the PayPal system, an electronic payment system that serves as a broker for e-Bay members conducting financial transactions online. At the direction of Crews, PayPal electronically deposited the proceeds of Crews' sale of these items into a bank account held by Crews.

**Janice R. Hughes, 68, of Easton, Maryland, pled guilty on September 22, 2005, in U.S. District Court before the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan to six counts of bank fraud, five counts of mail fraud and two counts of money laundering. A further status hearing is scheduled for January 24, 2006. Hughes faces a statutory maximum of 30 years of imprisonment and at least ten years in prison under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, \$250,000 in fines, and restitution of \$10 million.**

In March 2005, a federal grand jury indicted Hughes and Gilbert A. Wolf, 72, for defrauding their former employer, The National Plastering Industry's Joint Apprenticeship Trust Fund, as well as the Departments of Labor and Interior, of more than \$917,000 over a period of five years. Specifically, the indictment charged each defendant with six counts of bank fraud, five counts of mail fraud, and two counts of money laundering. The indictment also contained a forfeiture count. Wolf is scheduled to go to trial on his charges in January 2006.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of criminal laws. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless found guilty.

According to the indictment, Wolf was the Executive Director and Hughes was the Office Director of the National Plastering Industry's Joint Apprenticeship Trust Fund ("NPIJATF" or "the Trust Fund"), which is a non-profit training entity governed by the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association ("OPCMIA"). The Trust Fund's duties, among other things, was to provide pre-apprenticeship career training for disadvantaged youth at Job Corps centers administered by the U.S. Department of Labor ("DOL") and U.S. Department of Interior ("DOI").

The indictment alleged that between 1995 and 2000, Hughes and Wolf developed and engaged in a scheme by which they would write, sign and issue, or cause to be written, signed and issued, checks to current, former, and in some instances, fictitious vendors with whom the Trust Fund purportedly conducted business. These checks for fictional expenses would then be deposited in a hidden account operated by the defendants. Additionally, they would deposit funds from unions belonging to the OPCMIA, their trust funds, and contractors and employers in

the form of employee benefit contributions. During the course of the scheme, Wolf and Hughes allegedly stole in excess of \$900,000.

At Thursday's hearing, Hughes admitted that she developed and engaged in the fraudulent scheme as described in the indictment. Hughes also admitted that the stolen funds were used to pay for her personal expenses and Wolf's. Some examples of these expenses included: monthly mortgage payments on their residence in Davidsonville, Maryland, and condominiums in Washington, D.C.; monthly vehicle payments to the Ford Motor Credit Corporation, Bank of America, and General Motors Acceptance Corporation; payments for a country club membership, and payments to various personal credit cards of both Wolf and Hughes, including credit card accounts at American Express, MBNA, Nieman Marcus, and Crestar Bank. Moreover, in an attempt to disguise the illegal source of the money, Hughes and Wolf laundered the stolen money through other accounts. This money, in turn, would be used to pay the personal expenses of both Wolf and Hughes, including credit card expenses, ATM cash withdrawals, mortgage and automobile payments.

#### **U.S. Attorney's Office Web site**

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**The Following Report, Titled “Papered Arrests”  
Contains Details on Arrests and Charges Filed  
Against Defendants in this District.**

# UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PAPERED COMMUNITY PROSECUTION PAPERED ARRESTS

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PSA	ARREST DATE	CCN	PAPERD LEAD CHARGE & AUSA'S NAME	DEFENDANT'S NAME	PAPERED CASES	SECTION ASSIGNMENT & LOCATION OF OFFENSE
201	09/06/2005 21:45	05121249	UUA CYNTHIA D. WALICKI-CHAN	LONG, ANDREW E	F0515805	GRAND JURY SECTION 5600 BLOCK UTAH AVE NW
202	09/07/2005 10:50	05121469	DEST OF PROPERTY MARGARET A. SEWELL	ALSTON, RICKY	M0951905	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 4600 42ND ST. NW
202	09/15/2005 17:50	05125819	THEFT 2ND DEGREE WILLIAM RUBENS	DRUMMER, CARL C	M0992805	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 5300 WIS AVE NW
202	09/22/2005 10:00	05111302	FRAUD 2ND DEGREE WILLIAM RUBENS	ELIAS, SETH SALVADO	M1023005	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3320 IDAHO AVE NW
202	09/27/2005 16:40	05131967	ROBBERY JOCELYN S. BALLANTINE	SUGGS, MICHAEL A	F0559505	GRAND JURY SECTION 4500 BLK WISCONSIN AVE N
203	09/13/2005 17:42	05030825	UCSA POSS HEROIN	ADGERSON, DANA L	M1038105	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION BROADBRANCH ROAD AT BEAC
203	09/13/2005 17:42	05030825	UCSA POSS HEROIN	BUCKLEY, LESTER D	M1038205	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION BROADBRANCH ROAD AT BEAC



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203	09/13/2005 23:04	05124945	UCSA POSS MARIJUANA	BURNS, DWAYNE B	M1018905	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3400 BLK YUMA ST NW
203	09/13/2005 23:20	05124944	UCSA POSS MARIJUANA MARGARET A. SEWELL	BECK, SUTUBUNGANI W	M0981105	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3400 YUMA ST NW
203	09/29/2005 21:15	05032703	SIMPLE ASSAULT	FULLINGTON, IEISHA	M1039805	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION DC SUPERIOR COURT NW
204	09/09/2005 09:20	05122483	BURGLARY II JOCELYN S. BALLANTINE	MCFERGUSON, JAMES E	F0522405	GRAND JURY SECTION 3628 CT AVE NW
204	09/19/2005 01:00	05127696	UNLAWFUL ENTRY FERNANDO CAMPOAMOR- SANCHEZ	AL-ZUBAYRI, ABDUL S	M1008005	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 4201 MASSACHUSETTS AVE N, APT. AR7C
204	09/19/2005 14:49	05127906	THEFT 2ND DEGREE RHONDA L. CAMPBELL	ADAMS, CALVIN C	M1004205	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3327 CONNETICUT AVE NW
204	09/28/2005 11:00	05052780	ROBBERY STEPHEN J. GRIPKEY	HAYNES, GEORGE C	F0562505	SC, MAJOR CRIMES 2505 WISCONSIN AVE. NW

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205	09/07/2005 06:40	05030084	UCSA P W/I D MARIJUANA MARGARET A. SEWELL	SLUTZKY, JACOB P	M0954005	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2323 40TH PL NW, APT. 101
206	09/04/2005 01:40	05119963	UCSA POSS MARIJUANA SAMUEL R. RAMER	CHILDRESS, JULIUS	M0984905	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1200 BLOCK WISCONSIN AVE
206	09/06/2005 06:30	05118241	ROBBERY STEPHEN J. GRIPKEY	TUCKER, DARRYL M	F0514605	SC, MAJOR CRIMES 31ST & DUMBARTON STREET
206	09/09/2005 21:30	05122840	SHOPLIFTING MARGARET A. SEWELL	JOHNSON, LARRY E	M0963505	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1403 WISCONSIN AVE NW
206	09/11/2005 05:20	05123602	CARRY PISTOL W/OUT LICENSE-OUTSIDE HOME/BUSIN ALESSIO D. EVANGELISTA	PINKNEY, CLAYBORNE S	F0528205	SC, FELONY SECTION 3100 BLK OF DUMBARTON ST
206	09/18/2005 17:15	05127545	THEFT 2ND DEGREE MARGARET A. SEWELL	MOYE, KEVIN	M1005805	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 6001 GA AVE NW
207	09/03/2005 01:24	05029588	UCSA POSS COCAINE	CARLN, CARLOS G	M0945005	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 100 OHIO DRIVE SW

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207	09/09/2005 00:30	05010221	SIMPLE ASSAULT MARGARET A. SEWELL	WELBY, EMILY	M0961305	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 233 G ST. NW
207	09/10/2005 01:37	05122957	DEST OF PROPERTY	BONAFONTE, CARLOS N	M0983205	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2401 PA AVE NW
207	09/14/2005 14:00		THEFT 2ND DEGREE WILLIAM RUBENS	LEWIS, KELLY J	M0986405	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2512 VIRGINIA AVE NW
207	09/15/2005 22:00	05031097	UCSA POSS COCAINE MIRIAM A. VALOY	SCHROEDER, TIMOTHY M	M0991405	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION INDEPENDENCE AVE @ 23RDS
207	09/20/2005 21:30	05128651	THEFT 1ST DEGREE DARRYL BLANE BROOKS	MOORE, TERREL	M1015105	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2000 PA AVE NW
207	09/29/2005 11:12	05162552	THEFT 1ST DEGREE JOCELYN S. BALLANTINE	SAMUELS, TERRI D	F0562705	GRAND JURY SECTION 800 21ST NW